

service, as the case may be, as of the first day with respect to which creditable compensation is attributable in his 120th, or 180th, month of service.

§ 336.14 Extended benefit period.

(a) *Defined.* An extended benefit period consists of seven consecutive 14-day registration periods in the case of an employee having 10–14 years of railroad service and 13 consecutive 14-day registration periods in the case of an employee having 15 or more years of railroad service.

(b) *Beginning date.* In the case of unemployment benefits, an extended benefit period begins with the first day of unemployment after the day on which the employee exhausts his or her rights to normal unemployment benefits. In the case of sickness benefits, the beginning date is the first day of sickness after the employee exhausts normal sickness benefits. Such first day of unemployment or first day of sickness must be within the same benefit year with respect to which the employee exhausted normal unemployment or normal sickness benefits, as the case may be. However, no extended benefit period may begin on any day of unemployment or sickness prior to the date on which the employee acquired 10 years of railroad service.

(c) *Ending date.* If an employee has 10 but less than 15 years of railroad service, his or her extended benefit period ends on the 97th day after it began. If an employee has 15 or more years of railroad service, his or her extended benefit period ends on the 181st day after it began. If an employee attains age 65 during an extended sickness benefit period, such extended benefit period will terminate on the day next preceding the date on which the employee attains age 65, except that it may continue for the purpose of paying benefits for his or her days of unemployment, if any, during such extended benefit period. If an extended sickness benefit period terminates because the employee has attained age 65 and if at that point the employee has rights to normal sickness benefits, the employee will be paid normal sickness benefits if he or she is otherwise entitled to payment thereof.

(d) *Maximum number of compensable days.* During an extended benefit period consisting of seven consecutive 14-day registration periods, extended benefits may be paid for a maximum of 65 days of unemployment (or 65 days of sickness, as the case may be). During an extended benefit period consisting of 13 consecutive 14-day registration periods, extended benefits may be paid for a maximum of 130 days of unemployment (or 130 days of sickness, as the case may be).

§ 336.15 How to claim extended benefits.

An employee who has 10 or more years of railroad service who exhausts his or her rights to normal unemployment or normal sickness benefits and who wishes to claim extended unemployment or extended sickness benefits may do so by claiming benefits on the forms provided by the Board pursuant to parts 325 or 335 of this chapter. The claim forms provided for this purpose are the same as those provided for claiming normal benefits. No special application for extended benefits is required, and no waiting period applies to the payment of extended benefits.

§ 336.16 Notice to employee.

Upon determining that an employee is eligible for a period of extended unemployment or sickness benefits, the Board will notify the employee of the beginning and ending dates of such extended benefit period.

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